



Attorney Docket: 990630/HG

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Toshiya KITAMURA  
Serial No. : 09/413,984  
Filed : October 7, 1999  
For : NEGATIVE ELECTRODE ACTIVE  
MATERIAL FOR USE IN  
ALKALINE CELL AND METHOD  
OF PREPARING THE SAME  
  
Art Unit : 1745  
Examiner : T. Dove

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 7, 2002  
(Paper No. 15), the term for response to which is extended three  
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Dated: December 4, 2002

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